

CHAPTER 96

PRONOUNCEMENTS OF DEATH BY NURSES OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

H.F. 232

AN ACT relating to pronouncements of death by registered nurses and physician assistants.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 152.1, subsection 7, paragraph e, Code 2017, is amended to read as follows:

e. Make the pronouncement of death for a patient whose death is anticipated if the death occurs in a licensed hospital, a licensed health care facility, a correctional institution listed in [section 904.102](#), a Medicare-certified home health agency, a Medicare-certified hospice program or facility, an assisted living facility, or a residential care facility, with notice of the death to a physician, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or physician assistant.

Sec. 2. Section 148C.4, subsection 1, Code 2017, is amended to read as follows:

1. A physician assistant may perform medical services when the services are rendered under the supervision of a physician. A physician assistant student may perform medical services when the services are rendered within the scope of an approved program. For the purposes of [this section](#), “*medical services when the services are rendered under the supervision of a physician*” includes making a pronouncement of death for a patient whose death is anticipated if the death occurs in a licensed hospital, a licensed health care facility, a correctional institution listed in [section 904.102](#), a Medicare-certified home health agency, or a Medicare-certified hospice program or facility, with notice of the death to a physician and in accordance with the directions of a physician.

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